

## THE FAIR.

## Our Great Inventory Sale!

After the rush and whirl of the past few weeks comes the general clearing up and inventory. That there has been some wreckage goes without saying, to those that witnessed the crowded condition of store for the two weeks and more before Christmas.

But what is our loss we mean to make your gain, especially will you find it so in Toilet Sets and Dinner Sets.

It needs very close inspection to find one imperfection and yet some of them have a nick or one piece gone, but in place of the nick you will find a large hole in the price and when one piece is missing two are gone from the price.

Until inventory is taken all perfect goods in these two departments can be bought at 10 per cent. off.

## THE SYNDICATE FAIR STORE,

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## THE HAVANA POLICE

System Proposed by Ex-Chief McCullagh Announced.

FORCE OF ONE THOUSAND MEN.

A Considerable Share of the Organization Will Be Taken From the Mixed Nationalities Residing in the City.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Assistant Secretary of War Melkeljohn made public yesterday through the division of customs and insular affairs the joint plan recently submitted to General F. V. Greene by Colonel George E. Moulton of the Second Illinois volunteer infantry and John W. McCullagh, ex-chief of police of New York, for the organization of the Havana police.

The territory of the city, according to the plan, is divided into six districts, and the plan contemplates the organization of a police force aggregating 1,000 men. The operations of this force are to be superintended by a chief of police selected from among the field officers of the United States volunteer army, assisted by five officers of that army of a grade not higher than that of captain. These officers are to be designated as inspectors. It is further contemplated that from the residents of the city there shall be appointed a deputy chief of police, his secretary, with rank of inspector, a deputy inspector for each of the six districts named and a deputy chief of the detectives. For each precinct there is to be appointed a captain, four lieutenants and four patrol sergeants. The remainder of the force is to be constituted as follows: At headquarters 10 detective sergeants, 14 detectives and 100 special patrolmen, to be detailed to municipal and public buildings, ferries and for the enforcement of health and city ordinances.

The plan also contemplates two detectives for each district and at each precinct such number of patrolmen as the necessities may require, not exceeding in the aggregate 720 patrolmen, averaging 60 to each precinct, and providing for 360 night posts and 150 day posts. In addition to the above there are to be clerks, drivers and janitors distributed according to the need of the service. One hundred of the patrolmen are to be mounted for the purpose of properly patrolling the suburban districts. In addition two surgeons are to be secured by annual contract to attend to the sick and disabled of the force.

The entire force is to be clothed with a neat, distinct uniform suited to the climate.

The police headquarters is to be connected with each station by a system of telephones. It is proposed that ambulances with mules and equipment be supplied from the present equipment of the United States army. These wagons are to be used for the speedy and convenient conveyance of arrested persons to and from stations and courts and if necessary for the care of sick or injured persons. A fair proportion of the personnel of the force is to be taken from the Spanish and Cubans or mixed nationalities resident in Havana regardless of their affiliation with either of the recently contending armies. Each member of the force is to subscribe to proper oath of allegiance to the United States government. The gross total cost per annum for carrying on the police system of Havana is estimated conservatively, according to the report, to be \$722,680.

**The Fisheries Question.**

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Jan. 12.—The attitude of Newfoundland respecting the settlement of the fisheries question is this: If the United States congress passes a bill giving American fishing and mercantile vessels a bounty, it will be useless for Newfoundland to agree to give the Americans free bait in Newfoundland waters in return for free entry of Newfoundland fish in American

markets, because the proposed bounty would place American fishermen in the same superior position regarding the fisheries as they are now. The Canadian and Newfoundland representatives will probably rearrange a basis for joint action on meeting again at Washington.

## DEPEW FOR SENATOR.

Will Be Unanimously Named in Republican Caucus.

ALBANY, Jan. 12.—The Republican legislative caucus will be held tonight, and Mr. Depew will be nominated by acclamation.

Senator Murphy will probably be the nominee of the Democrats, although he is opposed to expansion, while Richard Croker, who controls most of the Democratic votes, is in favor of the expansion policy.

There was great disorder, bordering on riotousness, at a meeting yesterday of the committee of the whole of the Workmen's Federation of the State of New York, now holding its annual session in the City hall. It started over the approaching election of Chauncey M. Depew to the United States senate.

There is a large faction in the federation opposed to Mr. Depew's election. There is another faction in favor of him. Daniel Harris of Cigarmakers' union, No. 144, of New York, had a series of resolutions opposing Mr. Depew's election which he was burning to offer. W. J. O'Brien, president of the board of walking delegates and of the Granite Cutters' union, was prepared to second these resolutions.

These resolutions denounced Mr. Depew for being "the paid agent," "the time server" and "the political lackey" of the Vanderbilts and alluded to the part he took in the strikes of 1888, 1890 and 1892.

Word got out that the resolutions were to be introduced, and somebody said something about them. The meeting was instantly in an uproar. The men who wanted action taken seemed to be in a minority. They were accused of having been paid by a Democratic editor of New York to pass the resolutions and were denounced for being Tammany Democrats. Those favoring action retaliated by saying that paid agents of the New York Central had been working among the delegates. Delegates were accused of riding on New York Central passes.

## UNDER THE AMERICAN FLAG.

Cuban Line of Steamers Discards the Spanish Emblem.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, Jan. 12.—The Menéndez line of steamers, the most important Cuban coastwise mail company, yesterday transferred all its vessels from the Spanish to the American flag, celebrating the event here at a luncheon given on board the Josefa. The proceedings were marked by great enthusiasm. The heads of the various municipal departments were present, and Colonel Beaumont, adjutant general, congratulated the Menéndez company on the change of flag. Several toasts were proposed, the commodore of the line proposing the health of General Leonard Wood, military governor of the Santiago department. The toast was received with cheers. In the course of his remarks the commodore said that under General Wood they all felt absolutely safe, whatever flag they unfurled, as General Wood was not a mere politician, and he hoped that the day would come when the military governor of Santiago would be governor general of Cuba, a sentiment that was enthusiastically cheered.

## No Telegraphic Communication.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Jan. 12.—All telegraphic communication between Martha's Vineyard and the mainland has ceased. The difficulty has been found to exist in the government telegraph cables running across Vineyard sound. It will no doubt be several days before repairs to the cable can be made, and possibly weeks will elapse before telegraphic communication with Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and Boston will be resumed.

## HAWLEY NOMINATED

Named by Connecticut Republicans to Succeed Himself.

EIGHTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE.

The Victory Came After One of the Hottest Political Battles Ever Waged in the Nutmeg State. Nine Ballots Taken.

HARTFORD, Jan. 12.—General Joseph R. Hawley was yesterday afternoon nominated by the Republican caucus of the Connecticut general assembly as a candidate to succeed himself as the junior United States senator from Connecticut, and at a later date he will be elected by the joint convention of the state legislature to serve his fourth term in the highest lawmaking body of the land.

The victory which came to the distinguished soldier and statesman furnished the climax to one of the most bitterly waged political contests ever fought in the Nutmeg State. For weeks and months there has been no let up in a strife for the honor, which was rendered complicated by the presence in the field as General Hawley's competitors of two of the most prominent Republicans in the state—the Hon. Samuel Fessenden of Stamford, a member of the Republican national committee, and the Hon. Morgan G. Buckley, one of Connecticut's former governors.

The Republicans of the house of representatives and the state senate met in a joint caucus in the representatives' hall at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The victory of General Hawley was not secured until three full hours had been consumed, and nearly all of that was occupied in balloting. Technically or officially there were seven ballots, but practically nine ballots were taken. On the third ballot it was discovered that a total of 139 ballots had been cast. At that time, however, there were but 187 members in the caucus, and the ballot was thrown out. A new ballot was ordered with the same result, and the third ballot was thus taken three times before the difficulty was removed.

Senator Hawley was at all times in the lead, but until the final ballot was cast and counted his margin was too narrow to permit of great confidence. The first ballot found the senator just two votes short. In other words, it required but the change in one vote to give him the nomination. The second ballot, however, showed a loss for Hawley of four and a corresponding gain for his nearest competitor, Mr. Fessenden. On the third ballot Fessenden gained one and repeated it in the next two. Senator Hawley meanwhile losing seven. On the sixth ballot Mr. Fessenden dropped two, while General Hawley was given seven of the votes which he had lost, and on the next ballot he was carried through with 117 votes, and a few minutes later the leader of the most formidable opposition moved to make it unanimous, and General Hawley was declared the nominee of the caucus amid cheers.

## Japanese Diet Disturbed.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 12.—The steamer Empress of Japan has arrived from Hongkong and Yokohama. She brought news of a serious clashing in the Japanese diet. Disgraceful scenes have taken place on several occasions. Recently Tanakana Shozo became so violent that he had to be removed from the house of representatives. Following, Kudo Kahan ascended the rostrum and gave an explanation of the forcible dissolution of the meeting held that morning at the Maple club by anti-taxationists. On the conclusion of the speech a scene of serious disorder and confusion ensued. The president demanded order, but his voice was drowned by yells and shrieks.

## Will Not Produce Instructions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The president has decided it to be incompatible with the public interest to comply with the request contained in the Hear resolution to supply the senate with the instructions given the American peace commissioners. If any reasons are given for the denunciation the leading one will be the fact that as the treaty is subject to action in Spain even after ratification by the senate, it is unconstitutional to publish it at this stage of the confidential instructions.

## Dwight Williams Suits.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Jan. 12.—The action of Mary B. Dwight versus Irvin Williams and William A. Matteson as receiver of the Kirkland Iron company, to compel Williams to pay Matteson as receiver \$70,000 and interest, was decided yesterday by Justice Wright. He declares a payment of \$16,325 as salary to Williams is void because made to secure an unlawful preference, and this amount he is directed to pay the creditors, less \$5,000 for services rendered during the period he drew the above amount.

## Marie Barna Arrives.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Marie Barna, the American prima donna, was a passenger on the St. Paul. She is a daughter of the late Judge Edward M. Barnard of the California supreme court and for the past year has been singing at the Court theater at Coburg, Germany.

## To Succeed Morrill.

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt., Jan. 12.—Hon. Jonathan Ross of this place accepts appointment as United States senator, vice Morrill, deceased, and resigns as chief justice of the supreme court of Vermont.

## Philadelphia Inventor Dies.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Joseph H. Bissel of 238 North Fifth street, Philadelphia, said to be a well known electric motor inventor, died yesterday in the street in this city. His death is thought to be due to heart disease.

## CHOATE FOR EMBASSADOR.

Nominated by the President For the Court of St. James.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The president yesterday sent the nomination to the senate of Joseph H. Choate of New York to be ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Great Britain.

There is no doubt that the senate will confirm Mr. Choate for the British mission. His appointment has already been hailed with delight in England. He is looked upon there as a worthy successor to the brilliant men who have served us at St. James.

Joseph Hodges Choate was born in Salem, Mass., Jan. 24, 1832. His father was Dr. George Choate and his mother Margaret Manning Hodges. He was the youngest of four brothers. He was graduated from Harvard at the age of 20.

He took a two year course at the Harvard law school and studied a year in a Boston law office. At the ripe age of 23 he came to New York.

He passed the first year in the office of Scudder & Carter, but the following year entered the office of Butler, Evarts & Southmayd. In 1859 he became a member of the firm of Evarts, Southmayd & Choate.

For the last ten years Mr. Choate has been generally acknowledged to be the leader of the New York bar, and has appeared in hundreds of celebrated cases, where his fluency, wit and humor, to say nothing of his searching cross examination, brought him considerable success.

Mr. Choate's political career practically began in 1856, when he took the stump for Fremont. Since then he has been known as an ardent Republican, though he has never held office.

Choate was president of the state constitutional convention which assembled in 1894 to revise the constitution of the state.

From 1867 to 1871 Mr. Choate was president of the New England society and from 1874 to 1878 president of the Harvard club.

From 1872 to 1877 he was president of the Union League club of New York.

## COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED.

Lieutenant Governor and Speaker Give Out Appointments.

ALBANY, Jan. 12.—The following is the list of the more important chairmanships of the senate and assembly committees announced at last night's session of the legislature:

Senate—Judiciary, Edgar T. Brackett of Saratoga; finance, Frank Higgins of Chautauque; taxation, Hobart Krum of Schoharie; insurance, C. R. Parsons of Monroe; banks, L. H. Humphrey of Wyoming; prisons, B. M. Wilcox of Cayuga; railroads, John Raines of Ontario; cities, N. T. Stranahan of Oswego; canals, George A. Davis of Erie; codes, George Malby of St. Lawrence; commerce and navigation, Ford of New York; public health, W. E. Johnson of Tioga; and forest, fish and game, George Chahoon of Warren.

Assembly—Ways and means, Jotham Aldis of Chenango; railroads, Louis Bedell of Orange; judiciary, Otto Kelsey of Livingston; commerce and navigation, Brennan of Kings; banks, Mowman of Albany; taxation, Degraw of Kings; excise, M. L. Greenwood of Wayne; gas and electricity, C. S. Akler of New York; insurance, Thomas A. Sears of Franklin; general laws, Fish of Madison; labor, T. M. Costello of Oswego; agriculture, A. W. Litchard of Albany; and canals, Johnson of Tompkins.

## A Tuberculosis Hospital.

ALBANY, Jan. 12.—The report of the special committee of the senate to investigate the question of the spread of consumption and the establishment of better sanitary conditions for consumptives and the protection of the public has been presented. Dr. Brush of Brooklyn wrote the report, which is concurred in by Senator Davis of Buffalo. It finds that consumption is contagious and recommends that the state establish a hospital or hospitals for the treatment of cases of tuberculosis, the same to be located somewhere in the forest preserve in the Adirondack mountains, the site to be selected by the trustees, approved by the forest preserve board.

## Oregon Ready to Sail.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Captain Barker has cabled the navy department from Callao, Peru, that he was about to sail with the Oregon, the Scandia and the Iris directly for Honolulu on the way to Manila. At the same time the battleship Iowa, which had accompanied the Oregon around from New York, started northward for San Francisco in company with the cutter Justin and the supply steamer Celtic, her voyage being about 4,000 miles in length. At San Francisco the Iowa is to have her machinery overhauled and her boilers repaired.

## It Looks Like Partridge.

ALBANY, Jan. 12.—The indications are that Colonel John N. Partridge of Brooklyn will be appointed state superintendent of public works. Colonel Partridge is in town, but will not be interviewed on the subject of the public works superintendency. He arrived on a late afternoon train yesterday and proceeded at once to the executive chamber, where he had a long conference with Governor Roosevelt.

## Decision in Dreyfus' Favor.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The Liberte quotes "a personage closely connected with the court of Cassation" as saying that the inquiry into the Dreyfus case is about finished, that a decision may be expected early in February and that it will be almost unanimously favorable to a revision of the trial.

## Father Chintiquy Ill.

MONTREAL, Jan. 12.—Father Chintiquy, the priest who deserted the Roman Catholic church for the Presbyterian and whose efforts to convert Roman Catholics to Protestantism have made him famous, is seriously ill.

## FORAKER'S ADDRESS

Senator From Ohio Speaks on Expansion.

ANSWERS SENATORS HOAR AND VEST

Much of the Speech Devoted to the Constitutional Right of the United States to Acquire Territory.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—A climax was reached yesterday in the debate on the question of expansion which is in progress in the senate. Heretofore all of the speeches with the notable exception of that of Mr. Platt (Conn.) have been in opposition to what is presumed to be the policy of the administration with respect to the acquisition of the Philippines. Yesterday Mr. Foraker (O.) addressed the senate in opposition to the declaration of the Vest resolution that the United States had no constitutional power to acquire foreign territory to be maintained as colonies. While much of his speech was devoted to a constitutional argument in support of the right of this country as a nation to acquire and govern outlying territory, he gave particular attention to the utterances that have



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been made in contravention of that position, especially those of Mr. Vest and Mr. Hoar.

Mr. Foraker has a clear, direct and forceful style of oratory which commands attention not only by reason of the recognized ability of the man, but also by his impetuosity and power as a speaker. He is at his best in a running fire of debate, and the frequency of interruptions yesterday afforded him ample opportunity to elucidate his argument to the best advantage. He laid down the broad proposition that to adopt the Vest resolution was to declare that our fathers had brought forth a nation that was inferior to all other nations regardless of the generally accepted idea that one nation was the equal of another and all equally restricted. He maintained that the right to acquire territory is an inherent right of nationality and that as we have the right to make war and to enter into treaty agreements it follows logically that we have the power to acquire territory by conquest and to assume the responsibilities that may accrue therefrom. Mr. Foraker's strong assertion that the acquisition of the Philippines was temporary in character created a sensation in the chamber. He maintained, however, that we have a legal right to hold the islands permanently.

Prior to the speech by Mr. Foraker a sharp debate was precipitated by Mr. Allen (Neb.) by some remarks he made upon a resolution he had introduced. Mr. Hoar (Mass.) and Mr. Gray (Del.) were drawn into it.

## Alaska Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The house yesterday completed and passed the bill for the codification of the criminal laws of Alaska, upon which it has been working intermittently for a week. An amendment was adopted providing a high license system in the territory with a species of local option. Liquor dealers by its provisions are to pay a license of \$1,000 per year, and the consent of a majority of the white citizens residing within two miles of a liquor dealer's establishment must be obtained before a license can issue. An attempt to recommit the bill for the purpose of securing the adoption of a provision excluding convicted felons from service on juries was defeated.

## World's Fair at St. Louis in 1903.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12.—The convention of delegates from states and territories in the "Louisiana purchase" which Tuesday selected St. Louis as the place to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of that event in 1803, completed its business and adjourned yesterday subject to the call of the chairman of the executive committee. An executive committee composed of three members from each state and territory, except Missouri and Louisiana, to which were accorded four members, was selected. The resolution providing for this committee empowers it to take up the "general subject of a world's fair in St. Louis in 1903 and organization for the development of the proposition of which this convention has declared itself in favor." It was decided to ask congress for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 with which to help build the exposition.

## West Virginia Legislature.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 12.—The house, as organized, has 37 Democratic and 34 Republican members, and the senate 17 Republicans and nine Democrats. When contested seats are settled, there will be a Republican majority of one on joint ballot. After the presentation of the governor's message both houses adjourned.

## National Photographers' Meeting.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 12.—The executive committee of the Photographers' Association of America met in this city yesterday and selected a program, on Lake Chautauque, as the place and July 17 to 22 as the dates for the next annual convention and exhibition of the association.

## TO ATTACK MANILA.

Rebels Said to Be Concentrating About the City.

MADRID, Jan. 12.—General Rios, the Spanish commander, cables from Manila reiterating the assertion that the situation of affairs in the Philippine Islands is most grave. The rebels, it appears, are concentrating in the neighborhood of Manila, with the intention of attacking that place, and great preparations, he adds, are being made for the defense of Manila.

The Spanish general also asserts that the natives of the Visayas have again refused to permit the Americans to land, threatening to resist by force if an attempt is made to do so. The Americans therefore, according to General Rios, have abandoned the idea of disembarking, and he confirms a previous statement to the effect that they are unwilling to bombard Iloilo "because the European houses are stocked with petroleum, with the view of being set fire to by the American shells."

General Rios also alleges that the rebels are determined to fight the Americans before reinforcements arrive. In conclusion, General Rios says Aguinaldo's proclamation has "produced immense enthusiasm among the rebels."

## German Hostility at Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—According to letters received here from Hongkong by several prominent Germans, Germany is intriguing actively against this country by backing Aguinaldo and his followers in the Philippines. The German consul in Hongkong has held secret conferences with insurgent representatives, and there seems no doubt that Aguinaldo's recent attitude is due to German support.

## AFFAIRS IN HAVANA.

Fifty Human Skeletons Found in a Well Reveal a Terrible Crime.

HAVANA, Jan. 12.—Senor Perfecto Lacoste, who was president of the Havana Junta Patriótica, will be appointed alcalde, or mayor, of Havana by Major General Ludlow, military governor of the department of Havana. Senor Lacoste is a wealthy planter, popular among all classes of Cubans and a resident of Havana.

The Cuban general Mario Menocal will be chief of police, and Colonel John Gary Evans of the South Carolina volunteers, former governor of North Carolina and now one of General Ludlow's staff officers, will be appointed superintendent of the department of corrections, embracing the police, the minor courts and the correctional institutions. Ex-Chief McCullagh of New York city will remain here for a time to help carry out the police plan he has devised.

La Discussion describes the finding of 50 human skeletons in a well on a plantation near Manguito. The writer of the story asserts that these people were undoubtedly thrown in while alive. He says that in some cases the finger bones are severed, and the supposition is that this was due to the efforts of the victims to raise themselves out of the pit. The body of Senor Pedro Alayon, a prominent Cuban who disappeared mysteriously during the insurrection, has been identified. La Discussion accuses the guerrilla chief Antonio Reyes, Sergeant Juan Peres and Vicente Zalgo, a schoolteacher, of being the authors of a terrible crime. All are said to be in Havana.

La Discussion prints also a story from Matanzas of the finding there of the remains of from 200 to 300 persons in a well near the headquarters of the civil guard.

## CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Colonel George P. Webster, a prominent man of New York city, is dead.

The friends of Congressman Dingley were encouraged by his condition yesterday.

Dr. Leo Bersen claims to have discovered the Aztec temple within the corporate limits of El Paso, Tex.

Four persons were run down and killed at Larimer Station, Pa., by express train No. 13 of the Pennsylvania railroad.

In a well in the Spanish artillery quarters at Puerto Principe, Cuba, a large assortment of Spanish ammunition was found.

Extreme cold was experienced in northern New York yesterday morning. At Saranac Lake the thermometer registered 40 degrees below zero.

## Counterfeiters Caught.

ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 12.—John Manning white, and Bert Washington, a negro, were arrested by the Ithaca police yesterday on a charge of passing counterfeit 50 cent pieces. The coin was a rude attempt, but it had been passed in some instances. The authorities are not certain whether the coin was made in Ithaca or whether the men came here just to pass the counterfeiters at the dictation of outside counterfeiters. Washington refused to plead when taken before the recorder. The two men will be examined tomorrow.

## National Wool Manufacturers.

BOSTON, Jan. 12.—The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the National Wool Manufacturers' association was held here yesterday. Mr. Charles H. Harding presided. Mr. Thomas Bolton, having retired from the woolen business, was elected an honorary member in recognition of his 30 years of service upon the executive committee of the association. No changes were made in the officers for the ensuing year. Hon. William H. Hall being re-elected president, Mr. Benjamin Phelps treasurer and Mr. S. N. D. North secretary.

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**WEATHER INDICATIONS**  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—Increasing cloudiness and snow to-night and Friday; warmer; easterly winds.  
**THE TEMPERATURE.**  
Following was the registry of the thermometer at 7 a. m.: 12 m. 14°; 3 p. m. 22°.

The Republican legislators of Connecticut did a good thing for the country when they re-nominated Gen. Hawley for United States senator. His public service has been as honorable as it has been long and his familiarity with all public questions and his exalted sense of public duty make him one of the few men who cannot be spared from the Senate.

A majority of Pennsylvania's Republican legislators have no squeamishness about electing to the Senate a man over whose head a criminal indictment is hanging, and who has been beaten in his attempts to escape trial. There are, however, some legislators who think it time to draw the line on Quay, and the most that he and his supporters now hope for is a deadlock on the Senate ship until after the trial. If the verdict is not guilty Quay will go back to the Senate; if guilty the prison looms up before him. Very few men in public life ever faced such alternatives—the United States Senate or a prison cell.

Judge Hirschberg's peremptory call of the calendar, Wednesday morning, which resulted in sending most of the cases over the term, caused great dissatisfaction to lawyers and litigants. It was especially hard on many of the latter, who have had their witnesses at Goshen, day after day, and who have been put to heavy expense which has availed them nothing. Had notice been given that such a call of the calendar would be made there would be no reason for criticizing Judge Hirschberg's action, but ever since the term opened he had shown a disposition to consult the interests and convenience of lawyers and litigants, and his sudden change of front caught many unprepared.

The standing committees of the Senate and Assembly were announced, Wednesday night, and the assignments to the important places are all as agreed on by the Republican machine and already published. Mr. Bedell, of this district, fares unusually well at the hands of Speaker Nixon. He is Chairman of the Railroads Committee, one of the most desirable places in the Speaker's gift, and a member of the Committees on Codes and on Privileges and Elections. Mr. Graham, of the First District, is on the Committees on Revision, Cities and Insurance. Mr. Sprague, of Sullivan, is assigned to Electricity and Gas, Excise and Public Printing. In the Senate, Mr. Goodsell is given the Chairmanship of the Committee on Villages, and is a member of the Committees on Railroads and Public Education.

The report made by President Ira L. Case at the meeting of Hillside Cemetery Corporation afforded much satisfaction to all who are interested in the cemetery. The report is certainly a most encouraging one. It shows that order has been brought out of the chaos in which the cemetery's affairs have so long been involved, that the finances of the new organization are in fair shape, that its management is conservative and watchful of the interests of the lot owners, and that there are many reasons for hoping that the corporation will be able to maintain the cemetery in the best of condition and in time cancel all the indebtedness against it. It was certainly a good thing for Hillside Cemetery when the men who now constitute its board of trustees consented to accept the management of the cemetery's affairs.

In his annual report, James A. Roberts, who retired from the office of Controller of the State, Dec. 31, calls attention to the danger that threatens from the persistent increase in the expenditures of the State, and the figures which he gives are most significant. In 1850 the cost of the State government was \$1.30 per capita, in 1880, \$1.89, in 1890, \$2.15, and in 1897, \$4.49. The increase in expenditure corresponds almost exactly with the increase in the number of departments and commissions, thirty-six of which have been created since 1880, and, last year, they expended \$7,000,000, most of it for the supervision and control of many things which in the earlier days of the commonwealth were left to localities to control or to regulate themselves. Mr. Roberts thinks the limits of indirect taxation have almost been reached, and the only suggestion he can make to prevent the necessity of increasing the tax rate is a renewal of his recommendation made a year ago for a greatly increased and graduated inheritance and transfer tax.

## TRADESMEN'S BANK'S TROUBLES

**President McNaughton and His Brother Arrested and Held in Heavy Bail.**  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—James McNaughton, former President of the Tradesmen's National Bank, and Allen McNaughton, President of the Wool Exchange and a director in the Tradesmen's National Bank, were arrested, to-day, and arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields, charged with violating the revised statutes by certifying a check drawn on the Tradesmen's National Bank to the order of the United States Trust Co., for \$510,000 when, as alleged, the maker of the check had no funds in the bank to his credit. Both pleaded not guilty and demanded an examination. They were held in \$25,000 bail each for examination, Tuesday.

**CONDITIONS IMPROVING AT MANILA**  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Secretary of War was much gratified, this morning, by the receipt of the following cablegram at 7:30.  
MANILA, Jan. 12.—Conditions are apparently improving and citizens feel more secure. Many natives are returning. The city is quiet and business active.  
[Signed] OTIS.

**LA BOURGOGNE ALONE TO BLAME**  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
LONDON, Jan. 12.—The Admiralty Court, to-day, found the steamer La Bourgogne, of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique alone to blame for the collision with the British ship Cronartys, July 4th last, near Sable Island, off Nova Scotia, which resulted in the sinking of the steamer and a loss of over five hundred lives.

**TURKISH TROOPS WIN A GREAT VICTORY.**  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 12.—A great battle has been fought in the Yemen division of Arabia. The Turkish troops stormed and captured the insurgent position at Shanef, Nov. 30. About 4,000 insurgents and 2,000 Turks were killed or wounded.

**KILLED IN A STREET DUEL.**  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
MEMPHIS, Jan. 12.—In a street duel at Boyle, near Cleveland, Miss., yesterday, two men—Dr. Harris and a Mr. Allen—were killed, and a Mr. Dougherty fatally injured by John Haze and Frank Williams. Allen was a bystander. The trouble was the result of an old feud.

**A \$300,000 FIRE.**  
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HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 12.—The entire business section of Bridgewater is in ashes. Nearly all the business interests of the town lined Main street, which the flames swept from end to end. The loss is \$300,000, and the insurance \$100,000.

**COL. PARTRIDGE GETS THE PRIZE**  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
ALBANY, Jan. 12.—Gov. Roosevelt, to-day, sent to the Senate the nominations of John N. Partridge, of Brooklyn, as State Superintendent of Public Works and Thomas Penny, of Buffalo, as District Attorney of Erie county.

**SENATOR MURPHY HONORED**  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
ALBANY, Jan. 12.—Edward Murphy, Jr., was declared the unanimous choice of the Democratic caucus for the nomination for U. S. Senator, to-day.

**"Ruth Ashmore's" Summer Home in Orange County.**  
From the Warwick Dispatch.  
Mrs. Isabel Mallon, the well known writer, under the name of "Bab" and "Ruth Ashmore," who died in New York recently, usually spent her summers at Finley Stevens' at Florida, this county.

**Ontario and Western Earnings.**  
The Ontario and Western reports for the first week in January earnings of \$52,251, an increase of \$5,180 over the corresponding week last year.

**IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.**  
—All of the seven young people, who were injured by being struck by an O. and W. train at a crossing on the New Berlin branch, New Year's eve, are likely to recover.

**Red Hot From the Gun**  
Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman, of Newark, Mich., in the Civil War. It caused horrible ulcers that no treatment helped for twenty years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Boils, Felons, Corns, Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. 25 cents a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by J. J. Chambers, Druggist, 57 North street, near post office.

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Last summer I had company—a man and his wife. The man's hands and face had dry, scaly scales on them, and his head was covered, his hair being full of white scales. His wife said, "Some mornings she would find a tablespoonful in the bed." I asked him, "Why don't you cure yourself?" He said, "I would give a hundred dollars to be cured. I have paid out a lot of money, but don't get cured." I told him, "I would cure him for less than that," and told him to get CUTICURA remedies. I did not see him for some time after, and then he fairly shouted: "I am cured. CUTICURA has done it."  
—MRS. SARAH E. MINER, Lincoln, Vt.  
CUTICURA Resolvent purifies the blood and circulating fluids of HUMORS, and thus removes the cause, while warm baths with CUTICURA SOAP and gentle anointings with CUTICURA Ointment cleanse the skin of crusts and scales, allay itching and inflammation, soothe and heal.  
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## OBITUARY.

**Mrs. Emily DeMont Miller.**  
Emily DeMont Miller, widow of Elijah Miller, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ada M. Bodle, 23 Broad street, at 3 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, in her eighty-sixth year. She had been in feeble health for some time, and her death was not unexpected.  
Mrs. Miller was born at DeRuyter, Madison county, N. Y., and was the daughter of Isaac and Lavina (Snow) Blevin. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Eliza B. Smith, and a daughter, Mrs. Bodle, with whom she made her home.  
The body will be taken to Auburn for interment in the family plot there.

**Mrs. Cynthia Mapes Corwin**  
Mrs. Cynthia Mapes, wife of Eri C. Corwin, died, Wednesday, at noon, after a week's illness of grip, aged sixty-nine years and six months. The deceased was born in the town of Mount Hope, June 7, 1829, and was a daughter of Amzi and Deborah (Coleman) Mapes. Her marriage occurred November 17, 1849. She is survived by two brothers, W. H., of this city, and David Sidney, of Matamoras.  
The deceased was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church and was a sincere and devoted Christian, whose gentle ways won her many friends.

**Patrick Fealey.**  
Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.  
Patrick Fealey died at his home, near Montgomery, Sunday, Jan. 8th, after a lingering illness, aged thirty-seven years. He leaves a wife and five children. Five sisters also survive: Mrs. Dowd and Mrs. Finn, of Cortland, N. Y.; Mrs. Scanlon, of Bullville; Mrs. McCarthy and Josie Fealey, of Middletown; and two brothers, William, of Montgomery, and Michael, of Middletown.  
The funeral was held at his late residence, Tuesday, Jan. 10th, and was one of the largest ever held in this vicinity. There was a number of beautiful floral tributes, and his remains were laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery, Montgomery.  
He was a man loved and esteemed by all who knew him as a kind neighbor, a true friend and a loving father.

**Appointed Clerk of the Assembly's Railroad Committee.**  
E. M. Hamilton, of this city, has been appointed clerk of the Assembly's Railroad Committee, by its chairman, Hon. Louis Badell.  
**Working Night and Day.**  
The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globe of health, that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-lag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25 cents per box. Sold by J. J. Chambers, 57 North street, near post office.

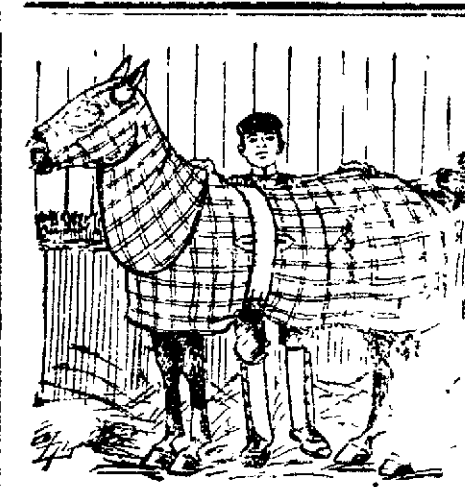
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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrah is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrah Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrah Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrah. Send for testimonials, free.  
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## OUR JANUARY SALES

**Table Linens, Towels, Napkins, Quilts, Sheets, Cases, and all the various widths of Muslins should be taken advantage of by everybody. Such values will not be offered again this season.**  
We have made big reductions in prices of Dress Goods. The 50c kinds now 29c are a sample of values we are offering.

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Money left with the First National Bank of Middletown, on certificate of deposit for three (3) months, will draw interest at the rate of three (3) per cent. per annum.  
By order Board of Directors.  
—REYNOLDS DEWITT, Cashier.

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—Corset Covers 9, 12, 19c  
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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

—Oliver \$4.50 up at Morris B. Wolf's.  
—Field's Minstrels, at Casino, Jan. 18th.  
—Twenty carpenters wanted

## LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—De Witt Drum Corps minstrels will rehearse to-night.

—You're invited to "O'Hooligan's Wedding," Saturday night.

—The Downville creamery is now making 300 pounds of butter a day.

—Several young men of Downville are planning to enlist in the regular army.

—The recently elected officers of Middletown Lodge, No. 112, I. O. O. F., will be installed to-night.

—Remember the masquerade ball at the Cottage Theatre, to-night. The trolley cars will run until 3 a. m.

—Special low prices of admission are announced by Manager Leaf for "O'Hooligan's Wedding," Saturday night.

—During 1898 there were twelve marriages, forty-one births and thirty-three deaths in the town of Colchester.

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—Hot drinks, beef tea, clam bouillon, tomato bouillon, chocolate, lemon and coffee, at Laskaris, 34 North street.

—It is understood that Harvey Knight will open the Park Hotel, North street and Wickham avenue, at some time in the near future.

—James Cleary, a Port Jervis boy, while coasting on the Sussex street hill in that village, Tuesday, ran into a post and was severely injured.

—Members of Martha Washington Rebekah Lodge, No. 30, will meet, tomorrow, (Friday) afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, at the lodge room.

—The annual meeting of the Orange County Telephone Company will be held at its office in the Low Building, Thursday, Jan. 19, between 8 and 4 o'clock.

—The election of officers of Gen. De Witt Fife and Drum Corps, which was to have occurred, Wednesday night, has been postponed until next Wednesday night.

—"O'Hooligan's Wedding" at the Casino, Saturday night, is the greatest laugh producer on the road. The company is said to be a first class one in every respect.

—It cost Lewis Tompkins Hose Co., of Fishkill Landing, \$400 to bring the body of Sidney A. Schofield home from Santiago. The government paid \$90 toward the expenses incurred.

—The Weather Bureau has predicted snow every day this week, but not a flake has fallen. The prediction is renewed, this afternoon, and probably if the forecaster reiterates it often enough, he will at last strike a snow storm.

—The Port Jervis Union is prompted by Chas. H. Knepka's acceptance of a Binghamton checker player's challenge to play for the championship of Orange and Broome counties, to say that before Mr. Knepka put himself forward it would have been well to have found out if he was the champion of Port Jervis.

## PERSONAL.

—A. R. Lindsey returned to Washington, this morning.

—Edwin Jakley is confined to his home with an attack of the grip.

—Miss Daisy Knapp is visiting Mrs. George Beebe at the Summit.

—John C. R. Taylor was in Ellenville, Wednesday, in the interest of the Billings estate.

—J. H. Burch went to Passaic, to-day. Miss Burch accompanied him, going on to New York.

—Miss Marie Louise Gumaer, of Guyard, was in town, to-day, on her way to New York.

—Miss Nellie Dougherty has been confined to her room at the Commercial with grip for several days.

—Abraham George Hooley, formerly of Monroe and now of Winnipeg, visited friends in this city, Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holmes, of Middletown, called on relatives in this place several days recently.—Downsville News.

—Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Arthur returned to Collins Farm on Erie No. 7, Wednesday night. A party from this city went to Goshen and met them on the train and accompanied them to this city.

—John L. Cummings, Peter H. Agnew and Daniel Dougherty, the Manhattan College trio, who have been spending the Christmas recess with their parents in this city, have returned to their studies. Messrs. Cummings and Agnew are pursuing the two years' course in the School of Commerce, and the latter is taking the four years' classical course and is in the junior class.

—Capt. J. J. Cox badly hurt. Fell from a Roll Chair and Broke His Right Hip—Now at the Hospital.

Capt. J. J. Cox fell from a roll chair at his home on Walkill avenue, this morning, and fractured his right hip. He was removed to Thrall Hospital in the ambulance, where Dr. M. A. Stivers is attending him.

Capt. Cox has been a helpless invalid for over two years as a result of injuries to his spine sustained by the falling of an elevator, in which he was riding to his office in the New York post office building. This last accident will confine him to his bed for a long time. The sympathies of hosts of friends goes out to him in his affliction.

High Prices for Cows.

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## HEALTH BOARD CALLED OFF

NO EMERGENCY THAT WILL WARRANT CLOSING THE SCHOOLS

Report of Dr. Curtis, Who Inspected the City School Buildings—Some Things Aren't Just as They Should Be and Board of Health Was Right in Ordering Improvements, but It Should Let Up Till the Board of Education Lets the Teachers' Funds—Secretary Smelzer's Letter to Health Officer Redfield.

Baxter T. Smelzer, Secretary of the State Board of Health, to-day, sent to President A. V. N. Powelson, of the Board of Education, a copy of the report made by Dr. F. C. Curtis upon his investigation of the sanitary conditions of the schools here last week. He also inclosed a letter for Health Officer Redfield, as follows:

"I enclose herewith, for the information of the Board of Health of the city of Middletown, a copy of the report made by Dr. F. C. Curtis upon his examination of the schools of your city.

"In compliance with the suggestions of Dr. Curtis, it is recommended that your Board suspend the enforcement of their order, requiring the school authorities to make certain sanitary improvements in the school buildings, it being the evident desire and intention of the proper authorities to carry out the recommendations of Dr. Curtis at the earliest practicable time.

"A copy of the report of Dr. Curtis has been furnished to the school authorities."

Dr. Curtis reviews at length in his report the conditions at the different school buildings which he visited. He says that there was undoubtedly urgent need of improvements at Liberty street, and that they have been made at a cost of \$1,500.

At Benton Avenue better drainage is needed. The outside closets are primitive, and ought to be done away with, but there is no urgency for they are not in bad condition, and can serve until spring.

At Beattie Hill, the closets are remote from the building, are kept in fairly good condition, but are unclean as such places always are. The pits are in a fair condition.

The Truant School is regarded as a temporary makeshift, and although not at all favorably impressed with it, Dr. Curtis seems to think it can be got along with.

At Linden Avenue School he found the cellar clean, but the earth bottom was damp in places. The outside closets have shallow pits, which were clear of contents, but the boys' urinal is badly janitoried.

Dr. Curtis says:

"The High School Building was incidentally shown, a recently constructed edifice for three hundred pupils, which for beauty of design, completeness of appointments and correctness of sanitary details is a model structure in which the city has reason to take a most justifiable pride."

The inspector embodies the results of his investigations in the following:

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

It will be noted that the four main school buildings were all of them lacking in healthful conditions, and the Board of Health were justified in taking steps towards their rectification. The Board of Education have not taken issue with this, and as I have reported, have met the more conspicuous lack, especially in the Liberty Street School, and have prepared plans for the more complete meeting of sanitary needs. As these relate to the basements and privies, they will, when carried out, put them into good condition, draining and abolishing the latter. This is very necessary for the basements are all wet, and the city should set the example to the people of compliance with the judicious sanitary law of substituting water closets for out door vaults. They have gone further by planning to substitute hot air furnaces or steam heat for stoves, together with ventilating stacks in the last three schools, which is very desirable, for with heated corridors the ventilation can be vastly improved and the available air space increased. The Beattie Hill School is especially in need of this. The lighting of the rooms ought also to be rectified very materially by change in location and size of windows, removal of objectionably placed blackboards, and in some a change in color of walls and ceiling.

The only objection raised by the Board of Education is to the requirement of immediate action under penalty of closing the schools, since no funds are now at their disposal for carrying them out; pending these securing these for which immediate steps are taking, I find no necessity for action and would recommend that the Board of Health be advised to suspend action.

Yours Respectfully,

F. C. CURTIS.

Mice Robbed the Money Drawer.

A Port Jervis saloon keeper, who had been missing bills from his money drawer in a most mysterious way, made the discovery, Wednesday, that mice were the thieves and were using the bills for nests. Several were recovered that are not much damaged, while others were partially destroyed.

Offensive Even to Wycliff.

F. A. Bottom, druggist, Cockshire, Que., says: "For 20 years I suffered from Catarrh. My breath was offensive. I tried everything which promised me a cure. In almost all instances I had to proclaim them no good at all. I was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. I got relief instantly after first application. It cured me and I am free from all the effects of it."

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AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Dikeman's Successful Dance—George Riddle's Reading—Ladies' Whist Club—Scheraga to Be Resumed Going to Kentucky—Other Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

The dance of Dikeman Hose Co. at Samuels' Hall, last night, was a largely attended and eminently enjoyed affair. It lasted until the small hours of the morning.

Tickets for George Riddle's appearance under the auspices of the Vocal Society at Music Hall, on the evening of the 30th inst., can be secured at C. E. Mills-paugh's.

Mrs. Wm. B. Mead will entertain the Ladies' Whist Club, Saturday afternoon.

To-morrow night the Vocal Society will resume rehearsals. Mendelssohn's "St. Paul" will be taken up.

John Hogan has gone to ex-Secretary Whitney's farm in Kentucky in charge of a string of valuable horses.

Rev. James C. Coleman started, to-day, for Barnesville, O., where he will preach two Sundays. Sunday, Jan. 29, he will preach at South Amboy, N. J.

Fred C. Hayne and wife started for Albany, Wednesday.

Of the ninety-two deaths which occurred in the town of Goshen, last year, twenty-two were of paupers at Orange Farm.

BANK ELECTIONS.

The annual election for officers and directors of the national banks was held Tuesday.

The National Bank of Orange County elected the following officers: President, Geo. W. Murray; Directors, G. W. Murray, F. W. Murray, C. M. Vail, C. J. Everett, C. S. Edsall.

The Goshen National Bank elected officers as follows: President, C. G. Elliott; Vice President, W. D. Van Vliet; Cashier, J. W. Hayne; Teller, H. A. Horton; Bookkeeper, G. B. Williams.

Fishing Through the Ice at Glenmere Lake.

J. Frank Tutbill, L. V. Bauer, Louis B. Scott, R. G. Sliter and George Crist are fishing through the ice at Glenmere Lake, to-day. Several fine catches have been reported from the lake. This party had intended to go there, Wednesday, but with the temperature at five above zero at starting time they concluded not to go.

A Woman's Sudden Death.

Mrs. Saville Struble, widow of Joseph Struble, of Swartswood, was found dead, Tuesday morning, in the parlor of her home in Newton. She had been in her usual health and had prepared breakfast for her grandson, William Ayers, who lived with her. It is recalled that her husband died in the same sudden way three years ago.

In the Social World.

Mrs. Geo. W. Young and Mrs. Arch. Taylor entertained the ladies of the Highland Avenue Whist Club, Wednesday afternoon, at Mrs. Young's home. The favors were awarded to Mrs. F. M. Barnes and Mrs. S. R. Morgan.

Will Entertain Christ Church Choir.

Mrs. George N. Clemson has invited the members of the Universalist choir to take tea with her, this evening. Selections of music will be repeated which have recently greatly delighted the attendants upon Christ Church services.

Obituary Notes.

Patrolman Patrick J. Glynn, of the Newburgh police force, died in that city, Wednesday, of pneumonia, after a short illness.

The wife of Hon. James D. Decker, one of Sullivan county's best known citizens, died at her home at Pond Eddy, Tuesday.

## AT THE COUNTY SEAT.



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**These but a Dream.**

He listened intently. It was his wife and her mother talking.

"No, my dear," the latter was saying. "I must go to-morrow. I do not believe in a mother-in-law making long visits. But, before I go, I want to tell you what a treasure I think you have gained in your husband. He seems to me to be near perfection. Are you sure, however, that you are not too strict with him? Do not be quick to chide him when he stays out late. Men need a little latitude you know—say, two or three times a week."

The man stirred uneasily in his sleep. It seemed so real; but, alas! it was a dream.—Tit-Bits.

**Ought to Be Satisfied.**

"Well, you ought to be satisfied, anyway," said the party manager to the defeated candidate.

"Satisfied!" exclaimed the defeated one. "How do you make that out?"

"Why, when you asked me to run you impressed it upon us that the office was nothing to you, but that you were willing to sacrifice yourself for the benefit of your party."

"What of it?"

"Well, your defeat merely clinched the sacrifice you were willing to make."—Chicago Post.

**Incentives to Effort.**

"Brother Staybolt," said the amiable Mr. Gratebar, "which should you say was the greatest incentive to effort, the fear of punishment or the hope of reward?"

"Well, I should say," said the somewhat acid Mr. Staybolt, "that necessity was a greater incentive than either."—N. Y. Sun.

**Indigestible Stuffing.**

Jones—The guest of the evening didn't make much of a dinner did he?

Sharpe—No; but you couldn't expect him to.

Jones—Why not?

Sharpe—Didn't you hear him say, when he was making his speech, that he was "filled with emotion?"—Ally Sloper.

**Great Discretion.**

Younger Sister—Why did you tell Mr. Callagrain how old I am?

Elder Sister—You're too young for that to make any difference. Now, it would be different if you were to tell him my age.

"Well I didn't. I only told him you were ten years older than I am."—N. Y. Truth.

**Might Still Be Used.**

"Drink has made him absolutely worthless."

"Oh, I don't know."

"Don't know? Can you suggest any use to which he can possibly be put?"

"Have you ever tried using him for an alcohol lamp?"—Chicago Post.

**The Intricacies of English.**

Monsieur De France—You wind up ze clock to make him go?

English Tutor—Exactly!

Monsieur De France—Zen what for you wind up ze becusness to make him stop?—Jewellers Weekly.

**What It Would Do.**

The Mick—Shure, an' whin th' country calls you'll find ivry Orishman springing forward to th' front.

The Moke—Heavens! And leave us entirely without police protection!—N. Y. Journal.

**Matter of Choice.**

When I call Madge a rosebud Her glances are glad; If I call her a daisy, Why, then she gets mad.

—Chicago Record.

**DEATH FREED HIM.**

The Widow—Yes, I buried him beside his first wife because I knew that would have been his wish if he had lived.

**Had His Choice.**

Doctor (feeling patient's pulse in bed)—What do you drink?

Bill Boozie—Oh, I'm not particular, doc; anything you've got with you, though I prefer old bourbon.—N. Y. World.

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